



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING JULY 12, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Producers made significant progress in harvesting winter wheat in the midst of scattered precipitation. However, alfalfa cuttings and late season crop plantings saw modest gains due to midweek moisture events. These systems were concentrated within the San Luis Valley, several counties in the western district, and across the Front Range into the Eastern Plains. Cool temperatures in several localities slowed crop development while heat units remain in abundance elsewhere and have supported development accordingly. Dry patches reportedly continued to emerge in the east and southeastern districts in response to hot, dry weather. Reporters noted a high degree of grasshopper infestation in the southeastern district. Stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 2 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was rated 63 percent average and 37 percent light. Cattle death loss was rated 1 percent heavy, 74 percent average, and 25 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting.....	93	91	96	96
2 nd Cutting.....	21	13	34	30
Barley				
Headed.....	87	78	86	91
Turning Color	20	16	14	25
Corn				
Silked	11	--	7	8
Dry Beans				
Planted	93	86	100	100
Emerged.....	80	74	95	97
Flowered	6	5	22	13
Sorghum				
Headed.....	1	--	1	6
Spring wheat				
Headed.....	91	79	92	90
Coloring	22	15	16	20
Winter wheat				
Mature.....	82	51	81	78
Harvested	39	16	43	52
NA – not available				
(--)-- zero				

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.2	6.6	5.9	6.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1	16	22
Short.....	15	13	37	30
Adequate	77	79	45	46
Surplus	7	7	2	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	3	25	29
Short.....	16	15	28	28
Adequate	79	79	46	42
Surplus	2	3	1	1
NA – not available				
(--)-- zero				

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
Very poor	--	--	2	7
Poor	5	5	9	11
Fair.....	29	29	27	27
Good	52	52	43	44
Excellent	14	14	19	11
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	2	--
Poor	--	--	2	2
Fair.....	15	17	13	28
Good	61	61	56	58
Excellent	24	22	27	12
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	1	6
Poor	1	1	4	8
Fair.....	19	19	25	23
Good	67	67	52	51
Excellent	13	13	18	12
Dry Beans				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	--	--	--	6
Fair.....	20	14	60	51
Good	76	82	35	38
Excellent	4	4	5	4
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor	1	1	2	6
Fair.....	11	11	22	24
Good	72	73	65	61
Excellent	16	15	11	7
Onions				
Very poor	3	3	--	1
Poor	8	8	2	3
Fair.....	19	21	15	20
Good	55	56	68	65
Excellent	15	12	15	11
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	1	1	12	23
Poor	12	13	23	22
Fair.....	23	23	24	23
Good	50	49	34	26
Excellent	14	14	7	6
Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	4	NA
Poor	4	4	10	NA
Fair.....	17	20	25	NA
Good	61	58	50	NA
Excellent	18	18	11	NA
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	NA
Poor	--	--	1	NA
Fair.....	6	6	18	NA
Good	79	80	68	NA
Excellent	15	14	13	NA
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	7
Poor	--	--	16	16
Fair.....	23	23	56	40
Good	73	73	28	36
Excellent	4	4	--	1
Spring Wheat				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor	--	--	2	6
Fair.....	41	37	40	36
Good	53	57	57	50
Excellent	6	6	1	6
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor	1	1	4	4
Fair.....	9	10	19	19
Good	67	65	57	63
Excellent	23	24	20	13
Sunflowers				
Very poor	--	--	--	3
Poor	--	--	26	15
Fair.....	20	20	40	39
Good	43	41	29	41
Excellent	37	39	5	2
Winter Wheat				
Very poor	1	1	26	NA
Poor	14	14	12	NA
Fair.....	33	32	22	NA
Good	41	42	29	NA
Excellent	11	11	11	NA

NA – not available
 (--) – zero